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Clocks, at THEO. RUST'S. New goods
are arriving daily. Come early and
select your present and have it put aside
until you want it; also take advantage
of the newest and latest patterns.

Lowest Prices Guaranteed
TO ALL, AT

THEO. RUST,
The Jeweler,

Van Syp's Block, Main St. Dixon, Ill.

—Tien R. Shook is home for a visit.
—M. McRoberts is here from Chicago.
—Judge Crabtree is home for the hol-
idays.

—It was a sort of a dry blizzard we had
to-day.

—Dr. Stephens is in the city with his
beautiful shell breast pins.

—Miss Clark has returned from a visit
at her former home in Ottawa.

—Rev. W. H. Hartman and family are
to spend the holidays in Elroy, this
State.

—G. A. Wills and Miss Lottie E. Fisk,
of Mendota, are visiting friends in Dixon
this week.

—Mrs. Eustace Shaw will spend a couple
of weeks at her former home, Darlington,
Wisconsin.

—The area sown to winter wheat in
this State is 1,850,000 acres against 1,705,
458 acres last year.

—Mrs. McKenney, formerly Susan Mor-
rill, is here from Deadwood visiting her
mother, Mrs. N. G. H. Morrill.

—Frankie, four-year-old son of Mr. and
Mrs. John McIntyre died at the home in
Dement Town Sunday morning.

—Lincoln Cool, the Grand Detour mer-
chant, buys his candy by wholesale of the
Candy Kitchen this Christmas. He gets
it as cheap and much fresher than from
Chicago.

—On Christmas The Plymouth clothing
house will give away to all children call-
ers a Christmas gift in appreciation of the
liberal patronage shown them in the short
time they have been among us. They
wish all a Merry Christmas.

—Our fellow citizen, Reuben Trow-
bridge, has an orange farm in Florida and
of its product a fine lot of fruit was sent
him last week. Upon one tree, planted
only six years ago, there grew over eight
hundred oranges this season.

—At the request of the trustees Mrs.
Nina Heckman will endeavor to solicit
money toward paying the one hundred
dollars indebtedness on Mt. Union church,
Nachusa. Do not fail to add your name
to her list and you will never regret doing
so.

—The Keystone House will be closed
until the fourth of next month while the
proprietor, Mrs. Brautigam, visits with her
daughters in Chicago and Mt. Carmel.
Mrs. Eugene Harrington, another daugh-
ter, will accompany the landlady on the
visit.

—It was a son of Mrs. Hugh Cassidy
who died at Missouri Valley recently.
The remains will arrive tomorrow and
the funeral will take place at half past ten
in St. Patrick's church. The deceased,
Ed Cassidy, was born in Dixon twenty-
three years since.

—Louis Eckert, Fred Golden, Charles
Brady, Will Lattie and Louis Hatch, came
up from Amboy this morning in company
with the Sheriff, having been taken in
for some purpose which will appear when
the evidence is all in. One of the boys
is, it is said, only the victim of bad com-
pany, like poor Tray.

—A movement is on foot to re-organize
the Father Matthew total abstinence and
benevolent Society which flourished for-
merly in this city to the great good of the
cause of temperance. A meeting was held
on Sunday for the purpose of completing
arrangements and it is proposed to go on
with the good work.

—Will Lee came up yesterday from
Spring Valley to spend a week with his
many friends here, but last night he re-
ceived a dispatch which assigns him to
Rockford where he will probably make
his home. We all regret that he could
not have put in a week here with the boys;
but "business is business." It appears that
our former citizen, Manning of the North-
western wants Will there.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Luth-
eran church gave a very pleasant and
profitable sociable at the residence of Mrs.
Susan Harden, South Galena street, last
Friday evening. A number of the friends
of the society assembled and all enjoyed
a good time and such a repast as only
the ladies of the Lutheran Aid Society can
serve. The proceeds of the evening's en-
tertainment will swell the treasury about
twenty dollars.

—There was a rumor over the city yester-
day that one of the Catholic church
burglars had been captured and a portion
of the booty found upon his person. Be-
fore going to press last evening we in-
vestigated the report and found that it was
not correct. A man was on suspicion ar-
rested but the evidence against him has
not yet sufficiently developed to make it
very certain that he is one of the thieves.
Furthermore the prisoner's name is
Brady.

When a Georgia editor decides to say a
handsome thing he says it very thorough-
ly. The other day an editor in that State
wrote the following paragraph about a
local young lady who had just finished a
crazy quilt: "Miss Marielon Armstrong is
one of those rich, rare, ripe beauties in
face, form, mind and soul that by their
virtues, powers and worth, gave to the
South a race of heroes that has never been
approached in manly manliness by any
land or any clime."

—For land sake. The Woman's Chris-
tian Temperance Union restaurant at Chi-
cago employs men only for cooks. Why
is this? We give it up. That a society
composed entirely of women should em-
ploy only men in a department heretofore
supposed to be particularly adapted to
female labor is a conundrum that THE
TELEGRAPH can only answer upon the
supposition that the ladies employ men
cooks for the same reason that men em-
ploy them, and pay salaries as high as ten
thousand dollars per annum.

A remarkable natural curiosity is to be
seen near Holstein, Ida county. A well
was bored to a considerable depth in
search of water. The search was success-
ful and when the tools were removed a
stream of damp, cold air was emitted
from the hole, having a pressure of about
fifty pounds to the inch, and which has
continued to pour out ever since. The
explanation given is that an immense cav-
ity exists somewhere below the surface of
the earth, the earth's sinking forces the air
up through the outlet formed by the well.

As per call in this paper the meeting
to prepare for a Farmers' Institute was
held in the Council rooms yesterday af-
ternoon. D. B. Raymond was elected
chairman and A. G. Judd chosen secre-
tary. It was resolved to hold the In-
stitute of the Seventh Congressional Dis-
trict in this city; the time has not yet been
set. The following committee was ap-
pointed to make temporary arrangements,
and solicit speakers: H. T. Noble, C. H.
Hughes and J. L. Hartwell. The follow-
ing was appointed from the towns named:
J. L. Lord, Palmyra; Hiram Hettler, Dix-
on; H. T. Noble, for this city; W. B. Mer-
rison, South Dixon; Geo. McCleary, Nel-
son; Samuel Dysart, China; Oscar Em-
mert, Nachusa.

A goodly and appreciative audience
greeted Doctor Thomas at the Chapel last
evening and his talk to the students was
entertaining and very appropriate, while
the older heads were also furnished with
much to think about. If it was not ex-
actly the lecture which he delivered in
Dixon some time since, and which we
heretofore reported and reviewed, the line
of thought was very much the same. His
suggestions upon the public school ques-
tion were timely and the hints which re-
minded us of the foolish opposition as
was shown in our recent State election, to
this great American institution, this bul-
wark of our Republic, should sink deep
into the heart of every citizen, Democrat
or Republican. Horace Greeley said it
would be a sad day for the Republic when
children divided at the street corners, one
going to a school where one tenet of
theology was taught and another to an-
other school where a different creed was
instilled into the mind. In touching up-
on the right of suffrage he said that when
Johnnie arrived at the age of twenty-one;
and could not read, his mother should go
to the polls and vote for him; and then,
after the applause had died away, the
Doctor made us all ashamed of ourselves
for our woman's rights enthusiasm by
adding: "A mother, however, who would
bring up such a boy as Johnnie was not
herself competent to vote." The Doctor's
reference to short-haired women and
long-haired men would lead us to imagine
that he is not an enthusiastic admirer of
flat chested reformers. In the matter of
religion too much importance was placed
upon what we shall believe instead of
what we shall do. Though religion was
not invented, as Colonel Ingersoll would
have us believe, still, in the early days of
Christianity it seems that when a new
idea got into the church there had to be
formed a new church for the new thought,
and thus it was that Luther, Calvin and
Henry the Eighth established the Luth-
eran, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches.
The Doctor might have carried this idea
further by telling how a thought got into
a certain church in Chicago and one
Doctor Thomas was tendered his resigna-
tion as pastor. The lecturer criticised
sharply the system of education which

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Rendered by about sixty of the Sabbath
School Children in costumes, Santa Claus
and Company, under the auspices of the
Ladies' Aid Society at the M. E. Church
Tuesday evening, Dec. 23d 1890. Admis-
sion twenty-five cents, children fifteen
cents. Proceeds applied to the organ
fund. 5763

REAL ESTATE.

If any man tells you that property in
Dixon will ever be cheaper than now set
him down as a "croaker."

Many new houses will be needed and
must be built next season to supply the
demand. Take a look about the city and
you will observe that real desirable lots
within easy distance of the business cen-
ter of the city are becoming scarce. Money
invested in such property now will most
assuredly pay a good profit.

I have in my hands for sale all of the
unsold lots at "HIGHLAND PARK." Go
and look it over and note the improve-
ments going on. HIGHLAND PARK looks
better every time you see it.

All of "BELLEVIEW" nearest the col-
lege, shoe factory and business center.
Property in all parts of the city including
many houses and some business property.
If you want to either buy or sell call and
see me.

C. H. HUGHES.

BELLEVIEW!

The location of this addition is most
desirable to those who desire to reside
near the great manufacturing institution
on the South Side; also the College, being
only about ten minutes walk from either.

Few people know anything definite
about distances in their own town or city
outside of their several routes from home
to office, store or shop. Let us give you
a few points in Dixon. From the Post
Office to the College by the nearest
traveled route is about 3600, to the Shoe
Factory 3600 feet, and to the Grand De-
tour Plow Factory 4950 feet. From
"Belleview" to College 2500, to the Shoe
Factory 3100 feet, to the Grand Detour
Factory 3600 feet. "Belleview" is within
easy reach of some of the great industries
of our city and will be still nearer to those
of the future. A few good lots are still
for sale at \$200, each.

The site commands a splendid view in
every direction, soil dry and most suitable
for residences, drainage excellent, and
two of the great highways leading to the
City, pass the grounds. Values are sure
to advance in the near future, and those
wishing homes will make no mistake in
investing on these lots.

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Buy your Candies, Nuts, Oranges, Grapes
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LOW PRICES

BRUBAKER & CARPENTER

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I will deliver THIRD VEIN COAL at

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A Few China Cups and Saucers Still Left!

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We will give TEN PER CENT. OFF our already low prices on
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PIANOS AND ORGANS

Guitars, Banjos, Violins, Accordions, Mandolins, Flutes, Piccalos,
Music Boxes, Ocorians, Tambores, Violin and Guitar Cases,
Violin Bowes, Music Wrappers and Cases,
Music Books, Sheet Music.

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NOW, and by paying part you can
have them laid aside until you

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I have a complete stock of everything
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WATCHES, CLOCKS,

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156 SIDE GALENA STREET.

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Special: Holiday: Sale

15 Per Cent. Discount!

On Pianos, Organs, Sewing Machines,
Bicycles and everything in the music
line from now till January 1st.

Save Money by Buying Now!

As we will positively not continue this
sale after January 1st. Easy time pay-
ments if so desired. We want your
trade if low prices will get it.

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DISFRANCHISE 'EM.

A Scheme to Take the Negro Out of Politics.

SOUTHERN SENATORS TALK IT OVER

Butler of South Carolina to Offer a Joint Resolution Repealing the Fifteenth Amendment—Voorhees Has a Go at the Election Bill and President Harrison—A Supreme Court Decision Which Is Good for the Negro—Miscellaneous Official News.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—The Post publishes the views of a number of southern congressmen on a proposition which it says Senator Butler will bring forward in the senate before the debate on the election bill closes, for a joint resolution depriving the negro of his right to vote, and at the same time relieving relatively southern representation in congress. Butler is reported as saying that he will dare Republican senators to vote for the measure, which, he declares, would receive his hearty support.

Pugh Would Jump at the Chance.
Pugh declares emphatically that the south would not hesitate one moment to give up any representation based on the negro vote if by so doing it could forever eliminate the negro as a political entity. This, the senator thinks, is the universal sentiment of the southern people and this he thinks could be done by repealing the fifteenth amendment to the constitution and relegating the powers back to the states again as it was before the adoption of that amendment.

Vance Shies at the Idea.
Vance is not so favorable to the proposition. He says that the whites are numerically the stronger in the Old North State; that the races are living peacefully together, and that the whites have nothing to gain by abridging the negro's right of suffrage. As an abstract proposition, he is opposed to it. The result would be to inject into our body politic a large class of citizens who can neither vote nor be voted for. They would constitute an element of political as well as social perils. They would be an incubus upon our material prosperity. They would have nothing to appeal to their better instincts.

The Question Now in Solution.
They would lose their manhood. They would be without responsibility, and, as such, a dangerous element in the community. The south, Senator Vance says, is gradually working out this race problem to a happy solution. A few years more and it will be solved completely. As the negro acquires property he becomes a better citizen. His interest is identical with the white man, and with this community of interest he is quite as desirous of good government as his white neighbor is.

Views of Mississippi Statesmen.
Representative Stockdale of Mississippi says that he would be glad to see the negro question taken out of politics in the south, even if this resulted in his losing his seat in congress. Representative Catchings of the same state said that to eliminate the negro and accept the reduced representation would be a happy solution of a vexing problem. Public sentiment in Mississippi, so far as he was acquainted with it, was in favor of this solution. He does not believe that the Republicans will ever adopt such a resolution as Butler proposes to offer, because it would result in the political ruin of their party.

Gates Talks of Gerrymandering.
Gates of Alabama says two-thirds of the south are in favor of reduced representation in congress and the electoral college if, on the other hand, the negro population is taken out of the apportionment calculation. He denies the Republican claim to twenty or twenty-five districts from the south, but is willing to concede them seven or eight. He acknowledges that the Democratic legislatures in Alabama and South Carolina gerrymandered the states so that all the black counties were thrown into one district in each state, but says that gerrymandering is practiced by both parties in the north without criticism.

How Mills Looks at the Matter.
Mills says that the question does not concern him personally, as there are only 70,000 negroes in his state. But he says that the Republican party will never consent to disfranchise the negro, even though the southern representation was decreased thereby. If the colored vote was eliminated, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and other states would be Democratic for the simple reason that the Republican majority in those states is less than the colored vote. Michigan, Connecticut and Massachusetts would also be doubtful Republican states.

VOORHEES ON THE "FORCE" BILL.

The Indiana Senator Takes a Whack at the President.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—Voorhees was the Democratic speaker yesterday in the senate against the force bill. He spoke at great length. The opening part of his speech consisted of a criticism of President Harrison for that portion of his message to congress urging the passage of the election bill. If Mr. Harrison, he said, should undertake to put on the stage "a school for hypocrisy," he could not do better than dramatize that portion of his message that related to fair and honest elections. The rank corruption of the presidential election of 1888 was resting, folded away in "blocks of five," and was still fresh and carefully preserved in the minds of the American people. He then read The New York World's charge that a plan had been broached in 1888 to colonize negroes in Indiana, West Virginia, and Connecticut, and that Treasurer Huston had endorsed it and promised to recommend it to the president.

A General Arrangement.
The bill now before the senate, he said, which was made an administration measure, would take control by force if necessary of the elections of every state. It would do so in the northern and western as well as in the southern states. It was assumed in the provisions that the American people (without regard to section) were not sufficiently intelligent, virtuous or honest to be entrusted with the great and eternal principles of home rule—self-government. Benjamin Harrison, he said, had recorded his distrust of the people of all the states; and the people on their part, in nearly every commonwealth of the Union, had, with unparalleled unanimity, recorded their distrust of him and of his administration.

The Negro in North Carolina.
Referring to the condition of colored men at the south, Voorhees read extracts from testimony taken before a congress-

sional committee in North Carolina, showing positively that there was no discrimination made against the colored men in that state; that many of them were prosperous land owners; that they had the same school advantages as the whites, and that they were never interfered with at elections, but voted the Republican ticket without interference.

Colored Progress in the South.
He also read the testimony of colored Republicans of Mississippi to the same effect, and asserted that, in every one of the southern states negroes had received more and higher political honors than in all the northern states put together; and that, in the ownership of real estate, in the acquirement of property of every description, in the possession and use of ready money, the colored people of the south have, he said, man for man, in comparison with the colored people in the north, beaten their northern brethren ten times over in the great struggle of life.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Polygamy and Adultery Not Crimes Against the Wife.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—In the supreme court of the United States yesterday Justice Brewer announced the opinion of the court in the case of William E. Bassett against the United States, in which the court held that a wife's testimony against her husband while he is under trial for polygamy is incompetent. Bassett was convicted on a charge of polygamy in Utah in 1880, the principal witness against him being his wife. The supreme court of the territory affirmed the verdict, and the case was brought to the federal supreme court on an appeal.

Reasoning of the Decision.
In its decision the court says: "The question is not how much she (the wife) feels or suffers, but whether the crime is one against her. Polygamy and adultery may be crimes which involve disloyalty to the marital relation, but they are rather crimes against such relations than against the wife, and as the statute (under which the man was convicted) speaks of crimes against her, it is simply an affirmation of the old common law rule. We conclude, therefore, that under this statute the wife was an incompetent witness against her husband."

The Raum Investigation.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—The most important witness yesterday before the Raum special committee was J. D. Ferguson, national bank examiner, who was asked by Cooper in examining banks in this city he had come across any notes of Commissioner Raum indorsed by Pension Attorney Lemon. Ferguson refused to answer on the ground that his duties were confidential, and the admissibility of the question was postponed until the arrival in the city of Chairman Morrill. Miss J. Roush, a clerk in the pension office, said she had written one letter on refrigerator business after office hours and Miss A. C. Patton said she had never done anything of the kind, nor did she own any refrigerator stock.

Sitting Bull Not Murdered.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—The official report of the killing of Sitting Bull has been received at the Indian bureau. It discards the report that Bull was killed while everything was peaceful. The old chief had been taken out of his shack, when his braves opened fire on the Indian police. This began the fight, in the course of which Bull was killed. The report warmly eulogizes the bravery and fidelity of the Indian police, and earnestly urges that the living may be properly rewarded, and the families of the dead taken care of.

A Rod in Pickle for the Railways.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—Special United States District Attorneys Aldrich, of Chicago, and Caldwell, of Nebraska, are in the city in consultation with Attorney General Miller on business connected with the institution of suits where none have been begun, and with the further prosecution of suits where they have been instituted, against the land grant railroads of the west, to compel them to operate their own telegraph lines in accordance with the terms of the law of 1888.

Contracted for a Harbor Defender.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—Secretary Tracy yesterday awarded the contract for building the Ammen harbor defense ram to the Bath Iron works, of Maine, at his bid of \$300,000. She will be like a big cigar, with very little of her deck above water, and none of it more than six feet above. She will be a powerful ram, and is to run seventeen knots per hour.

The Day's Work in Congress.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—The senate devoted yesterday's session to the discussion of the federal election bill. Higgins made a long speech in support of the bill, and Voorhees another long address in opposition to it. The house spent the day up to adjournment at 3:15 p. m. considering matters pertaining to the District of Columbia.

A CROOK FOR HIS MOTHER'S SAKE.

Ed Spear Robs Three Banks to Save His Mother's Credit.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 23.—Ed H. Spear, a prominent young broker, was arrested yesterday for swindling the First National, Merchants' National, and Ketcham National banks out of \$1,000 each. He deposited \$250 in each bank, saying he wished to transfer his account from the Northern National. Just before the banks closed he drew three checks for \$1,000 each on the Northern National, and each of the other three banks promptly cashed them. Spear refuses to give any information as to the whereabouts of the money.

Later—The Crime Explained.

Late last night it was learned that immediately after cashing the checks Spear went to a savings bank and lifted a loan of his mother. He has sacrificed his reputation for his mother's credit.

The Slayers of Hennessy.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The nineteen Italians accused in the Hennessy case pleaded not guilty in the criminal court yesterday and filed a plea in bar on the grounds: First, that the grand jury could not have found the indictment in the short time in which it did; second, that the indictment of the case was improperly made. Judge Baker overruled both motions.

A Bold Robbery.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—On Saturday night at the Union depot a bold robber snatched a hand-bag, containing jewelry, valuable documents and negotiable papers, worth in all \$1,000, from Theo. Millenmaster, the agent of a Chicago music company, and escaped with his booty.

Maj. McKinley will speak to the Republican League at Toledo Feb. 12. He will reply to Cleveland's tariff reform speech at the Thurman banquet.

A MIDNIGHT MARAUDER.

Terrible Experience of Three Young Women While Camping Out.

The summer we camped in the Adirondacks was a time of heavy storms. Living, as it seemed, in the very workshop of nature, with only a stretch of cotton to protect us, we had a new sense of her awfulness and grandeur. One night we sat long in the doorway of our tent, watching the great trees bend and sway as the wind rushed boisterously through the branches. The feeling of our own danger added to the excitement of the storm.

A few nights before one of those tall pines had snapped its great trunk and fallen across a neighboring tent within a few feet of where the family lay asleep. We were thinking of this as the wind flapped the canvas walls in little undulations, and the great black shadows danced to and fro on the white roof.

It was long past our usual bedtime when we separated for the night. The sleeping tents were added like wings to the central square, which was dignified with the name of "sitting room." Brother Will occupied the rear tent nearest the cooking department. Sister Helen and I, with our school friend Kate, occupied the left wing, while mother was alone in the right wing.

We were trying to forget the noises that filled our ears and were just falling into a dreamy half consciousness, when suddenly, in a lull of the storm, we heard sounds more terrifying than the roar of the wind. Stealthy steps came creeping through the woods, rustling the leaves and snapping the twigs. Nearer and nearer they approached our tent, then they paused and in an interval between the gusts we heard a low whistle near us, then an answer far up in the woods.

Our nearest neighbor was about a mile away. Father had gone to the city, leaving my 12-year-old brother as our sole protector. We did not have the confidence in the boy's abilities which he had in himself. Even the fact that his shotgun was under his bed did not reassure us, for he was uniformly unsuccessful in his aim. We were helpless in that great lonely forest.

Poor Kate, our imaginative little friend, was shaking her bed in an agony of fear. She begged us in a trembling whisper to come and get into bed with her. Sister Helen, a very rock of bravado, took the side next to the tent wall facing the direction of the sounds. I defended the other side of the shaking girl, trying to reassure her, while at the same time I was debating whether the robber would not be more apt to come through the opening at the end of the tent, and so attack me first.

There we lay, holding our breath, our hearts throbbing in our throats, and all our existence merged in the one sense of hearing.

The steps came nearer and nearer, until at last they stopped behind Brother Will's tent. We heard a fumbling among the pans and dishes. There was no mistaking now the intruder's intentions. Will assumed a tone of the deepest bass possible for his boyish throat and called bravely, "If you don't clear out of here I'll know the reason why!"

There was a pause, and then the noise of rustling leaves began again, growing fainter as the steps retreated from the tent. We listened breathlessly, expecting every moment their return. We did not doubt that the distant whistle meant re-enforcement from a confederate.

But the steps did not return. The long hours wore away; dawn came and found us worn out by the excitement. The light reassured us, and we fell asleep for a short nap. In the midst of our dreams my mother's cheerful voice broke in: "We had a strange visitor last night! Come and see the traces he has left!"

We dressed quickly and followed her to the rear of the tents. There we saw on the soft, rain-soaked ground the four footed tracks of a cow! She had evidently been astonished at the appearance of this enormous white mushroom in the midst of her old haunts, and had stuck her nose in curiously and tumbled over the kitchen dishes. That was our robber. Our tragedy was a comedy after all.—Youth's Companion.

Drugging the Literary Market.

I asked an editor the secret of such small percentage of accepted manuscripts, and he said: "It may be all summed up in the single statement, which every editor knows to be true, that there is an enormous quantity of utter trash being written. People are writing who have no business with a pen in their hands, for they don't know what to do with it. These 'literary misfires' are drugging the magazine offices and absorbing the time of the 'readers.' Their manuscripts must be read, for you never know where you may find gold."

"School girls by the dozens are handling the pen, utterly insensible to its purpose. Women who cannot even spell the names of their own towns correctly want their 'say' in print. Of course they never get it, but they use up the time of the clerical force all the same."—E. W. Bok's Letter.

Young Law Breakers.

There are a thousand and one ways in which the "actually or apparently under 16 years old" cigarette smokers may indulge their habit just as easily as though there was never a cigarette law in existence. A pair of youngsters actually under 16 years were walking along Washington street, downtown, with cigarettes in their mouths. One asked, "How do you get yours?"

"Got an uncle that keeps a cigar store," replied the other. "How do you get yours?"

"My big brother buys them for me."—Buffalo Express.

The chronology of the Rev. Canon Cinqumani is an ingenious clock, and consists of a single toothed escape wheel, which propels a pair of pellets and the pendulum. In addition to this there is a chain of lead balls, one of which is discharged over a revolving drum every quarter of an hour. These keep the escape wheel going, and by another contrivance strike the hours and quarters.

Out of the average half a million letters that arrive daily in Berlin 10,000 are insufficiently addressed or are not addressed at all, some only bearing the names of the addressee. Thirty-three post officials are kept constantly at work for ten hours a day sorting and redirecting these letters.

The sacred writings of the Chinese, comparing with our Bible, are called the Five Kings, the word "Kings" meaning web of cloth. It can be traced back about the year 1100 B. C.

In the four-hand knot the end of the pin must fall in the center of the cross fold upon its lower rim, giving the effect of holding the knot firm at that most critical point.

Apartment together from injury to health, the smoke and fogs of London cost its inhabitants about \$5,000,000, or \$55,000,000, per annum for material loss and damage alone.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

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A Fortunate Woman

Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich., has reason to be very thankful. She was a great sufferer from heart disease for years. Was short of breath, had *angry spells* pain in side, fluttering, faintness, etc. After taking two bottles of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, she says: "I am better than for 20 years. My mind and eyesight have improved wonderfully. I advise all persons thus afflicted to use this great remedy. Tillson & Hayden, druggists, recommend and guarantee it. Dr. Miles' work on Heart Disease, containing marvelous testimonials, free."

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An important discovery. They act on the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new principle. They speedily cure biliousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles and constipation. Splendid for men, women and children. Smallest, mildest, surest, 30 doses for 25 cents. Sample free at Tillson Hayden's.

The following letter from Mr. W. A. Thomson, of Columbus, Wis., is peculiarly interesting: "My wife," says he, "has been treated for her head, stomach and nervous prostration by three doctors in New York, two in Chicago, one in Philadelphia one in Cincinnati, and at the large institute in Buffalo for 16 months. They all failed. But one bottle of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve helped her wonderfully." This should be used in all headaches, backache, changes of life, nervous disturbances, fits, rheumatism, etc. Ask at Tillson & Hayden's drug store for a free trial bottle and Dr. Miles' new book on the Nerves and Heart.

Ask Your Friend About It.

Your distressing cough can be cured. We know it because Kemp's Balsam within the past few years has cured so many coughs and colds in this community. Its remarkable sale has been won entirely by its genuine merit. Ask some friend who has used it what he thinks of Kemp's Balsam. There is no medicine so pure, none so effective. Large bottles 50c and \$1.00 at all druggists. Sample bottle free.

The Children.

Heaven bless the children. It was Ingersol who said the sweetest music is the laugh of a child. The man who can watch a group of innocent little ones at play and not be interested in their childish sport, must possess a mean and utterly selfish that with him it can safely be affirmed that life is a failure. But if their presence so elevates an honest man when the little ones are in perfect health, when they are sick and in sore trouble, then the sight of their sufferings is piteous to behold.

It is here that the strong man turns away oppressed by an anguish that he cannot conceal, by a woe that he cannot alleviate. This is particularly the case with croup. How many a fond and loving parent has hung over the couch of his offspring and watched the hectic flush gather on the little cheek, the hoarse rattle in the throat grow sharper and sharper, until at last the fatal membrane stopped the air passages as if the entrances had been tightly corked, and saw the little life go out in helpless agony. It is the peculiar virtue of Reid's German Cough and Kidney Cure that it not only cures croup in its worst stages, but that it prevents a recurrence of the attack. It so cures the patent that the little ones do not have the disease again. E. A. Powell, the well known contractor and builder in Peoria, has a family of seven children, who were all greatly troubled with the croup. Whenever they took cold they would have it, greatly to the peril of their lives. He tried Reid's German Cough and Kidney Cure, and the attacks became less frequent and less virulent, until they finally ceased altogether. For sale by all druggists.

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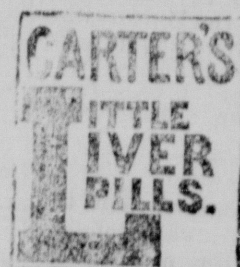
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TRAINS GOING WEST.		
No. 1 Overland Limited	1:52	A. M.
No. 7 Pacific Express	2:30	A. M.
No. 11 Sterling Pass.	12:25	P. M.
No. 8 Omaha Express	3:42	P. M.
No. 9 Denver Limited	7:38	P. M.
No. 5 Denver Limited	8:57	P. M.

TRAINS GOING EAST		
No. 8 Atlantic Express	3:10	A. M.
No. 6 Denver Limited	5:24	A. M.
No. 10 Sterling Pass.	6:47	A. M.
No. 2 Overland Limited	10:59	P. M.
No. 4 Chicago Express	2:22	P. M.
No. 11 Clinton Passenger	6:30	P. M.

PLEASE NOTE, that No. 8 and 4 will not run Sunday. No. 11 will not stop at Dixon for dinner and only runs as far as Sterling.

Freight trains are allowed to carry passengers as follows:

EAST BOUND.		
No. 46, bet'n Sterling and Turner	7:50 A. M.	C
No. 34, " " " "	2:22 P. M.	C
WEST BOUND.		
No. 35, bet'n Rochelle and Clinton	6:42 A. M.	A
No. 17, " " " "	10:10 A. M.	C
No. 45, " " " "	2:43 P. M.	C
No. 15, " " " "	5:35 P. M.	C

A Daily.
 C Daily except Sunday.

F. L. MURRAY, Agent.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

GOING SOUTH.		
Passenger	11:06 A. M.	
Passenger	3:12 P. M.	
Freight Passenger	5:35 P. M.	
LaSalle	3:00 P. M.	

GOING NORTH.		
Passenger	2:55 A. M.	
LaSalle Passenger	6:18 A. M.	
Passenger	2:43 P. M.	
Freight	5:35 P. M.	

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10 ACRE LOT, with large house, barn, well, cistern and orchard, adjoining city limits, opposite my residence, North Dixon. Enquire of J. H. MORRIS.

SHOW CASE—Twelve foot show case and sixteen foot glass faced counter at a bargain at Mrs. Taylor & Co's. 501f.

WOOD—A large quantity of cord wood. Price for hard wood \$3.00 per cord; soft wood \$2.00 per cord on the ground at Haskins' yard. Apply at the Milk Co's office. 49f.

RESIDENCE—On account of necessary change of climate I offer for sale my magnificent new large residence, No. 352 Third street, with all the modern improvements, including city water, electric light, bath room with independent water heater, etc. Will sell at the low figure of \$5,500.00 if taken soon or will raise to \$6,500.00. If you want a bargain address at once, G. L. ROSEMEYER, Dubuque, Iowa.

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FIFTY GIRLS to operate fifty new sewing machines run by steam power. Good wages and steady employment. For information write to H. B. GLOVER & Co., Dubuque, Iowa.

CARPET WEAVING—I am prepared to do weaving of carpets, rugs, etc. The best, and on shortest notice. Also carpets and felts family medicines for sale. Dr. B. J. LEXON, 2129f.

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CLEVELAND FULL OF THUGS.

Assaults on Women So Frequent That They Go Armed—The Latest Case.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—As Miss Mary Billson, daughter of a prominent citizen of Cleveland, was passing an alley almost in the heart of the city at about dusk Sunday evening, a well-dressed man sprang out and attempted to drag her into the dark passageway. She screamed for help after having torn the fellow's hands from her throat, whereupon he dealt her a terrible blow and left her lying, face downward, in a puddle of water. People who were attracted by the girl's cry saw the fellow running for dear life, but his start was so great that he could not be overtaken. Miss Billson would probably have been drowned had she been allowed to lie in the water a minute longer.

Something New in Women's Fashions.
 Assaults upon unprotected women, as they have returned home from work, have been so frequent in this city of late that there is a concerted movement on the part of shop and factory girls to prepare themselves for making vigorous defenses of their honor, and it is now quite fashionable for Cleveland women to carry daggers and other life-threatening implements. The police seem to be unable to afford any protection whatever.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

The Casino skating rink, Chicago, was destroyed by fire Monday. The loss is \$50,000.

The Veterinary society, of Paris, is about to try the Koch system for tuberculosis in animals.

Rye, Colo., reports an epidemic of diphtheria, with five deaths, and the disease spreading rapidly.

Five thousand dollars changed hands on the result of a wrestle between Hugh Leonard and Dennis Gallagher, at Buffalo, N. Y., Monday. Leonard won.

Sueci, the faster, is now, with George Francis Train, the star attraction at the Nickelodeon, a dime museum at Boston.

Through Governor Fifer, Illinois has asked the World's fair people to give that state eight acres of ground for its exhibit.

A very good counterfeit \$5 gold piece is in circulation. It differs from the genuine only in size and is worth intrinsically \$4.40.

Railroad travel in Scotland is almost totally stopped by a strike. About 3,000 men have quit work, and 1,000 more are expected to go out.

A steamer for South American waters has been built in sections at Elizabeth, Pa., and will be shipped in that condition and put together on arrival at Barranquilla.

Gen. Miles telegraphs from Rapid City S. D., to Gen. Schofield at Washington City that 150 followers of Sitting Bull have been captured. The rest of the hostiles in the neighborhood are expected to surrender shortly.

A settler in Victoria, B. C., named Arthur Teale, who has made a comfortable fortune by farming, has just been discovered to be the heir to a great estate in chancery valued at \$25,000,000 in cash and \$35,000,000 in property.

The nineteen Italians indicted at New Orleans for the murder of Chief of Police Hennessey pleaded not guilty in the criminal court in that city Monday. Motions by their counsel to quash the indictments were overruled by Judge Baker.

An attempt was made Saturday afternoon to sink the double-turreted monitor Terror, at the Brooklyn navy yard. It took hard work to save her. This incident recalls the fact that several attempts of this kind have been made in the past twenty years, the perpetrators remaining unknown.

An enterprising crook who lives in Baltimore has been making a living off congressmen by naming his imaginary children, alleged to have been born at different points in the country, after senators and representatives, and then getting the statesmen to buy tickets to a benefit performance for himself.

Henry McGowan and his wife, of Barre, Vt., both died of heart disease Friday. Sunday they were buried, the husband's funeral taking place from the Universalist and that of the wife from the Roman Catholic church. The same hearse was used, driving with the bodies from one church to the other. Both were buried in one tomb.

Prof. Koch's Reward.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—It is stated that the government has decided to grant Professor Koch 1,000,000 marks for the privilege of manufacturing Koch's lymph, besides a large share of the profits.

The Weather We May Expect.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—The following are the weather indications for thirty-six hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Iowa—Fair, colder; Tuesday and Wednesday, with a cold wave; northwesterly winds. For Indiana—Fair, colder; Tuesday and Wednesday, with a cold wave; northwesterly winds. For Michigan—Fair, colder; Tuesday and Wednesday, with a cold wave; northwesterly winds.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 22.
 Following were the quotations on the board of trade today: Wheat—No. 2 December, opened 93c, closed 89c; January, opened 95c, closed 90c; May, opened 97c, closed 91c; Corn—No. 2 December, opened 76c, closed 74c; January, opened 78c, closed 76c; May, opened 80c, closed 78c; Oats—No. 2 December, opened 41c, closed 40c; January, opened 43c, closed 41c; May, opened 45c, closed 43c; Pork—December, opened \$9.75, closed \$9.75; January, opened \$9.75, closed \$9.75; Lard—January, opened \$11.00, closed \$10.50.
 Live stock—The Union stock yards report the following prices: Hogs—Market opened active and easy; light grades, \$2.00 to \$2.40; heavy packing, \$2.30 to \$2.50; rough packing, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hams, \$10.00 to \$11.00; cattle—Native beef steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; cows and bulls, \$1.50 to \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.00 to \$2.50; sales fair, \$2.50 to \$3.00; lambs, \$4.00 to \$5.00.
 Produce—Butter—Fancy separator, 28c; good, 26c; dairies, finest fresh, 19c; packing stock, 18c; cream, 17c; Eggs—Fresh candied, 15c; 2c per dozen; house stock, 18c; Live poultry—Chickens, 5c per lb.; turkeys, 7c; ducks, 7c; geese, 3c per doz. Potatoes—White rose, 8c; red rose, 7c; Hebron, 6c; Peerless, 8c; Burbanks, 5c; Sweet potatoes—Jerseys, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per lb.; Illinois, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Apples—Cooking, \$3.00 to \$4.00 per lb.; eating, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Michigan choice, \$3.75 to \$4.00.

New York.

New York, Dec. 22.
 Wheat—No. 2 red winter cash, \$1.05 to \$1.06; do December, \$1.05; do January, \$1.04; do May, \$1.03; Corn—No. 2 mixed cash, 65c; do December, 64c; do January, 63c; do May, 62c; Oats—No. 2 mixed cash, 35c; do December, 34c; do January, 33c; do May, 32c; Rye—Nominal; Barley—Nominal; Pork—Quiet; mess, \$12.00 to \$12.50 for new; Lard—Quiet; January, \$8.10; Live Stock—Cattle—Trading active on all grades; poorest to best native steers, \$3.15 to \$3.40; 100 lb. bulls and dry cows, \$1.00 to \$2.25. Sheep—Active; 100 lb. ewes, \$1.00 to \$1.25; 100 lb. lambs, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Hogs—Market steady; live hogs, \$3.20 to \$3.70 per 100 lbs.

required the scholar to answer 100 questions in the study of American history when one hundred leading facts would answer for a history of the world. The same sort of nonsense was found in the schools regarding the study of geography. It was not necessary to know the location of each sand hill in Africa. Ruskin would simply teach the child the kind of a world we are in; how to get through it and how to get out of it. However, the speaker did not consider the latter proposition as important.

—Rock Falls News: We had always been unable to ascertain the source from which our contemporary of the Dixon Telegraph derived the immense income which enabled him to put on frills and furbelows over us ordinary country editors. We could hardly suspect him of gambling, and as to his roaming the country at intervals as a safe blower, that is out of the question, on account of his well known 'sedentary habit.' No man ever succeeded as a safe blower by setting in a swivel chair sixteen hours out of twenty-four. But perhaps the following, which we clip from the New York Press, may furnish the key which unlocks the secret to the late Ben's hidden wealth.

"Peace to the ashes of Benjamin F. Shaw! The man who invoked seamless stockings relieved suffering humanity from as great a nuisance as the pea that the pilgrim of the middle ages wore in his shoe when he did penance." Many years ago, when the writer was out in Kansas making a desperate but vain effort to make both ends meet on a diet of grasshoppers, the Lee county papers printed very complimentary obituary notices of us, and as we never allow ourselves to be outdone in kindness, even though we have to wait many years, we now take great pleasure in reciprocating, so far as one of them is concerned. Peace to Ben's ashes, when the smoke clears away.

—Not entirely parliamentary but correct:

Stranger (at the door of Bellows' mansion)—Are you a member of the house, sir?

Bellows (in person)—Yes, yes; just a plain, simple, member. My wife is Speaker.

Marriage Licenses.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Gustave J. Bauer,	Brooklyn,	24
Laura Walter,	Mendota,	19
Cyrus C. Harvey,	Franklin Grove,	23
Abbie A. Brown,	Fulton,	18
Jacob U. Wagner,	Nashua, Ogle Co.	27
Ida Schmucker,	China,	24

Probate Court.

The following business has been transacted in our Probate court since our last report and the estates of the following named, disposed of as stated:

John Mosely, will recorded.
 George Wright, administrator's annual report approved.

James Hennessey, settled.

James P. Dewey, letters testamentary issued to Phebe D. Dewey. Appraisers appointed.

Dangerous Skylarking.

Some day it will come to be understood that graying a moody, irritable man is as dangerous as toying with a gun which may or may not be loaded. Temporary insanity is, with some temperaments, the sure result of long continued and incessant ridicule. A blind fury suddenly converts his helpless weakness into superhuman strength. With equal suddenness disdain and contempt for him are changed to fear and respect.

Every few days the crimes columns of the newspapers contain accounts of tragedies growing from such a cause. Revolver or knife sends some tormentor to his account, and the real victim goes to prison for life or is hanged.

It's a cruel, cowardly instinct which prompts a combination against one man. The others enjoy a brutal sport at the expense of his feelings. Such an unfortunate man, when driven to desperation, is entitled to lenient treatment by judge and jury. It is hardly a crime which he has committed. It is more the deed of a madman who is not responsible for his action. He needs imprisonment under conditions which will change his nature and teach him wisdom and self control. It is generally an ill natured and unbecoming man who is made the object of ridicule by his fellows. "He doesn't know how to take a joke," and his impotent resentment stirs up feeling against him. He is not strong enough to give as well as to take. He is not strong enough to master his own hatred. He shows his feelings, and adds to the persistence of his tormentors.

A little more of the milk of human kindness and a little more of self control would save millions of hours of human torture, would save many a man from injury and death, and many another from a prison cell or the gallows. The philanthropist who can invent some antidote for this teasing instinct will be one of the world's benefactors.—Buffalo Express.

Ladies owing Brown's Millinery Department will greatly oblige them by calling and settling before Jan. 1st. 2152f

Pitcher sells the very best of coal.

Pitcher sells cutters, robes and harness.

Browns offer their entire stock of millinery below cost for the next twenty days. Call and see their bargains in trimmed hats and bonnets, trimmings, ribbons, birds, etc., etc. Over Rust's, VanEpps Building.

There is no Verdigris or other impurity in Chase's Barley Malt Whisky. It is rich and nutritious, and the best of all whiskies for family and medicinal purposes. Sold by Chas. Flein, Dixon.

FARM FOR SALE OR TRADE.

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Application for appointment of a conservator for Lavinia C. Shoemaker alleged to be insane.

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